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Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 **Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1600** PATENT APPLICATION Serial No. 08/716,169 Atty. Docket No. 470-961125

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art 1644

In re application of

Stephen M. ANDERTON et al.

Serial No. 08/716,169

Filed December 17, 1996

Examiner Patrick J. Nolan, Ph.D.

PEPTIDE FRAGMENTS OF

MICROBIAL STRESS PROTEINS AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION

MADE THEREOF FOR THE

TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

OF INFLAMMATORY DISEASES

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania September 18, 2002

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Response and remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the application identified above in view of the Final Official Action dated June 18, 2002. Also, submitted herewith are a Request for Continued Examination with accompanying papers and requisite fee and a Rule 132 Declaration with accompanying Exhibit.

> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on September 18, 2002. Ellen Harteau Signature